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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Q. Grainger
SHINYA YAMAMOTO, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 09/650,752	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2467
Filed: August 29, 2000	)	
	:	RCE Filed: July 18, 2003
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	
COMPRISING MEANS FOR DETECTING	:	
AN AMOUNT OF DEVELOPER CONTAINED	)	
IN A DEVELOPER CONTAINER, A	:	
MEMORY FOR STORING THE AMOUNT	)	
DETECTED BY THE DETECTING MEANS,	:	
AND CONTROL MEANS FOR UPDATING	)	
THE INFORMATION STORED IN THE	:	
MEMORY	)	July 18, 2003

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

        Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the above-

identified application be further amended as follows: